

# ISO 18436-2

## Category I-IV

**JUNIOR I - INTERMEDIATE II -  
SENIOR III - EXPERT IV**

VIBRATION ANALYST TRAINING &  
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### There are so many benefits to becoming certified:

- You should be recognized for your achievements; not everyone is up to the challenge of understanding vibration analysis, let alone successfully collecting data and utilizing it
- Being certified by an accredited certification organization is a major step up from simply passing a test. Yes, the process is a little more complicated and stricter, but that is for very good reasons
- The educational process is extremely valuable, but being certified tells an employer (or a consulting client) that you are capable of doing an important job

Mobius Institute has certified more vibration analysts than any other organization, and we have only been offering certification since 2005. Almost 40,000 vibration analysts around the world, just like you, chose Mobius Institute.

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# VCAT-I Junior Vibration Analyst

## ISO 18436-2 Category I

Learn to be an effective vibration technician—capable of collecting quality data, and performing basic analysis and data validation—with advanced 3D animations and interactive simulations that make everything easy to understand.

Welcome to the beginning of the vibration analysis journey. The good news is you are in the right place. Our VCAT-I ISO Category I course will set you up for success.

Once you complete the training, you can take the exam with confidence, and become certified to ISO 18436-2 Category I via the internationally respected Mobius Institute Board of Certification [MIBoC]. The MIBoC certification is accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 - there is no higher standard. You will join thousands of other Mobius Institute certified analysts around the world.

### VCAT-I CANDIDATE PROFILE

**This course is intended for the vibration analyst who will:**

- Collect vibration data
- Validate that the data is good
- Begin to perform basic analysis
- Use the training and certification as the start of a new and rewarding career as a vibration analyst



## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM TAKING THIS COURSE?

There are so many benefits to taking this course. You will learn...

- About condition monitoring, including a summary of the most common technologies
- About reliability improvement
- How vibration analysis plays a key role in reliability improvement
- About how machines work via the supplementary self-study “equipment knowledge” section of the manual
- About the fundamentals of vibration: waveforms, spectra, and simple metrics (overall levels, RMS, peak, peak to peak, and crest factor)
- How to take dependable, repeatable, high-quality vibration readings
- About vibration sensors, and how and where to mount them
- The basics of the analysis process, primarily with vibration spectra
- The basics of the key analyzer settings: fmax, resolution, and averaging
- The basics of setting alarm limits
- About the common “failure modes” of machines and how to detect them, including rolling element bearing faults, unbalance, misalignment, looseness, and resonance

## VCAT I FAST FACTS

### Duration:

30 hours, typically over four days

### Format:

- Live public course
- On-site course
- Virtual online course
- Video distance learning online course

### Compliance:

- Training and certification: ISO 18436-2
- Certification: ISO 18436-1, ISO/IEC 17024
- Training: ISO 18436-3

### Exam:

- Two hours
- 60 multiple-choice questions
- 70% passing grade
- Can be taken online or in-person at the course

### Certification requirements:

- Training course completed
- 6-months of work experience, verified by an independent person
- Pass the exam
- Valid for 5 years

### Pre-study:

- Access to the “Learning Zone” upon registration and payment
- Complete set of videos covering every topic
- An excellent way to be prepared and get the most from the course

### Post-study:

- Continue to access the Learning Zone for 6-months after the course
- Continue learning, without charge, on MOBIUS CONNECT™ via [mobiusconnect.com](http://mobiusconnect.com)

# VCAT-II Intermediate Vibration Analyst

## ISO 18436-2 Category II

Learn to be an effective vibration analyst - capable of diagnosing a wide range of faults, conducting special tests, and performing precision aligning and balancing machinery - with advanced 3D animations and interactive simulations that make everything easy to understand.

So, you are ready to take the next step in your vibration analysis career. The good news is you are in the right place. Our VCAT-II ISO Category II course teaches you what you need to know to be a successful, confident, and competent vibration analyst.

We will teach you how to diagnose a wide range of fault conditions. We will teach you how to collect the right data with the correct vibration analyzer settings. And we will teach you some useful tips and tricks so that you may validate the diagnoses that you make. In addition, we will teach you about shaft alignment and balancing so that you can improve the reliability of the equipment.

Once you complete the training, you can take the exam with confidence, and become certified to ISO 18436-2 Category II via the internationally respected Mobius Institute Board of Certification [MIBoC]. The MIBoC certification is accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 - there is no higher standard. You will join thousands of other Mobius certified analysts around the world.

### VCAT-II CANDIDATE PROFILE

**This course is intended for the vibration analyst who will:**

- Collect vibration data
- Validate that the data is good
- Set up the analyzer for routine data collection and special tests
- Diagnose most of the common fault conditions
- Perform special tests to validate unbalance, misalignment, resonance, looseness, and other conditions
- Know how to perform precision shaft alignment and balancing
- Use the training and certification as the next step in a rewarding career as a vibration analyst



## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM TAKING THIS COURSE?

There is a great deal to learn, but it will help you to perform your role with confidence. In this course you will:

- Increase your knowledge on maintenance practices, condition monitoring, and the common condition monitoring technologies
- Increase your knowledge about data collection, testing techniques, sensor types, and so on
- Learn a great deal about signal processing and the settings of your vibration analyzer
- Increase your knowledge of spectrum analysis, time waveform analysis, and phase analysis
- Understand why phase analysis and time waveform analysis are both critical tools used by the vibration analyst
- Learn about common failure modes and how to detect them, including unbalance, misalignment, looseness, resonance, pump/fan/compressor vane, and flow issues, cavitation, turbulence, gearbox failures, rolling element bearing failure, and more
- Learn about high-frequency bearing and gear fault detection techniques: demodulation, enveloping, SPM HD, shock pulse, PeakVue, Spike Energy, and others
- Be able to use spectra, phase readings, time waveforms, bump and impact tests, to test for looseness, resonance, and other conditions
- Learn about precision shaft alignment and soft foot correction
- Learn about single and two-plane balancing
- Learn the basics of setting alarm limits: band alarms, and mask/envelope alarms

The key is that with the VCAT-II course, you will transition from being a person who is primarily capable of collecting data to a person who can diagnose faults on the critical machinery, and in some cases, prevent or correct them.

## VCAT II FAST FACTS

### Duration:

38 hours, typically over five days

### Format:

- Live public course
- On-site course
- Virtual online course
- Video distance learning online course

### Compliance:

- Training and certification: ISO 18436-2
- Certification: ISO 18436-1, ISO/IEC 17024
- Training: ISO 18436-3

### Exam:

- Three hours
- 100 multiple-choice questions
- 70% passing grade
- Can be taken online or in-person at the course

### Certification requirements:

- Training course completed
- 18-months of vibration analysis experience, verified by an independent person
- Pass the exam
- Valid for 5 years

### Pre-study:

- Access to the “Learning Zone” upon registration and payment
- Complete set of videos covering every topic
- An excellent way to be prepared and get the most from the course

### Post-study:

- Continue to access the Learning Zone for 6-months after the course
- Continue learning, without charge, on MOBIUS CONNECT® via [mobiusconnect.com](http://mobiusconnect.com)



# VCAT-III Senior Vibration Analyst

## ISO 18436-2 Category III

Learn to be an effective vibration leader and master analyst - capable of managing the condition monitoring program, diagnosing the widest range of fault conditions, verifying and correcting resonance problems, performing complex balancing machinery - with advanced 3D animations and interactive simulations that make everything easy to understand.

If you are ready to be the senior vibration analyst, with the capability of handling all the common fault conditions and leading the Category I and II analysts, then this is the course for you.

The Category III course is intended for people who are confident with spectrum analysis but who wish to push on and learn more about signal processing, time waveform and phase analysis, cross-channel testing, machine dynamics, and fault correction. If you wish to truly advance in vibration analysis and be able to run a successful condition monitoring team, then you are ready for this course.

- You will learn to diagnose all of the common fault conditions with rolling element and sleeve bearing machines, utilizing spectra, high-frequency detection techniques, time waveforms, phase readings, and other techniques to diagnose faults.
- You will also learn machine dynamics (natural frequencies, resonance, etc.), how to perform resonance testing, and how to correct resonance problems. The course also covers single and cross-channel measurement capabilities of your analyzer.
- And after completing the CAT-III course, you will be able to set up and run a successful vibration program and mentor the junior analysts.

Once you complete the training, you can take the exam with confidence, and become certified to ISO 18436-2 Category III via the internationally respected Mobius Institute Board of Certification [MIBoC]. The MIBoC certification is accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 - there is no higher standard. You will join thousands of other Mobius certified analysts around the world.

### VCAT-III CANDIDATE PROFILE

**This course is intended for the vibration analyst who will:**

- Have a minimum of 3 years of experience
- Have a senior role in the condition monitoring team
- Have others report to them to verify diagnoses
- Be responsible for the most complex fault conditions (with the possible exception of sleeve bearing, flexible rotor machines)
- Need to perform complex tests to validate fault conditions (e.g., resonance) and find a solution
- Want to be a leader of the vibration team or take a leading role in diagnosing faults and making repair recommendations
- Want to understand all data collector options, special test capabilities, all analysis tools and understand the widest range of fault conditions
- Seek to become certified to international standards (ISO-18436) by an accredited certification body
- Want to understand all condition monitoring technologies, how and when to apply them
- Want to understand machine dynamics (natural frequencies, resonance, ODS), how to perform resonance testing and how to correct resonance problems
- Use the training and certification as the next step in a rewarding career as a vibration analyst





## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM TAKING THIS COURSE?

There is a great deal to learn, but it will help you to perform your role with confidence. The topics covered in this course include:

- Review of condition monitoring technologies and the ISO standards
- Signal processing and data acquisition
- Time waveform analysis
- Phase analysis
- Dynamics (natural frequencies and resonance)
- Testing for natural frequencies
- Operating Deflection Shape (ODS) analysis
- Modal analysis and intro to FEA
- Correcting resonances
- Rolling element bearing fault detection
- Journal bearing fault detection
- Electric motor testing
- Pumps, fans, and compressors
- Gearbox fault detection
- Corrective action
- Running a successful condition monitoring program
- Acceptance testing
- Review of ISO standards

The key is that with the VCAT-III course, you will transition from being a vibration analyst who should be supervised to a person who is capable of running the program, being a senior consultant, solving difficult problems, and taking a leadership role.

## VCAT III FAST FACTS

### Duration:

38 hours, typically over five days

### Format:

- Live public course
- On-site course
- Virtual online course
- Video distance learning online course

### Compliance:

- Training and certification: ISO 18436-2
- Certification: ISO 18436-1, ISO/IEC 17024
- Training: ISO 18436-3

### Exam:

- Four hours
- 100 multiple-choice questions
- 70% passing grade
- Can be taken online or in-person at the course

### Certification requirements:

- Training course completed
- 36-months of vibration analysis experience, verified by an independent person
- Have previously been certified to VCAT-II by a MIBoC approved certification body
- Pass the exam
- Valid for 5 years

### Pre-study:

- Access to the "Learning Zone" upon registration and payment
- Complete set of videos covering every topic
- An excellent way to be prepared and get the most from the course

### Post-study:

- Continue to access the Learning Zone for 6-months after the course
- Continue learning, without charge, on MOBIUS CONNECT™ via [mobiusconnect.com](http://mobiusconnect.com)



# VCAT-IV Expert Vibration Analyst

## ISO 18436-2 Category IV

Achieve the highest status as a vibration analysis professional – capable of handling any condition that may be presented, capable of performing any test, fully understanding flexible rotor machinery - with advanced 3D animations and interactive simulations that make everything easy to understand.

Congratulations on being ready to tackle the Mount Everest of vibration analysis. The good news is you are in the right place. We have developed an amazing set of 3D animations and simulations that even make the Category IV topics relatively easy to understand. Topics that were once only suitable for Ph.D's and math geniuses are now accessible to practical vibration analysts—as *it should be*.

There is a lot to learn, and you are required to take 64 hours of training. To make it easier to master all the topics on the syllabus, and to minimize travel and accommodation requirements, we have created videos that cover all the topics. You can watch them again and again until the topics and techniques are crystal clear.

When you are ready, you must attend the face-to-face course where the instructor will review the topics and take you through a series of “worked examples” until you feel ready for the exam.

This training process will ensure you understand the topics so that you can apply the techniques in your role as the expert vibration analysts.

This training process will also help you achieve the pinnacle of the vibration world - the ISO Category IV Vibration Analyst.

### Like two courses in one

The topics are roughly broken into two groups:

1. There is an entire course that could be called “Category III on steroids.” Many of the topics you covered on Category III are covered again, but we go into more detail. Those topics include signal processing,

dynamics, ODS, modal analysis, and so on.

2. And then the course goes into overdrive. Now you get into the topics that are unique to Category IV. You will learn about fluid film bearings and flexible rotors, including measurements with proximity probes, diagnosing a variety of fault conditions, and even balancing flexible rotors.

### Mobius Institute™ animations and simulations to the rescue

Category IV does cover a lot of practical content, but there is a good dose of theory as well. It is the theory and the calculations that can intimidate many vibration analysts. But we have done our best to make it all understandable and achievable. We provide you with a long list of worked examples with clear explanations on how to perform the calculations. But we also have animations and simulations that let you understand exactly what is going on. Rather than abstract concepts that only Ph.D's feel comfortable with, you will be able to connect theory with reality because you will see it right there on the screen.

Once you complete the training, you can take the exam with confidence, and become certified to ISO 18436-2 Category IV via the internationally respected Mobius Institute Board of Certification [MIBoC]. The MIBoC certification is accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 - there is no higher standard. You will join thousands of other Mobius certified analysts around the world.



## VCAT-IV CANDIDATE PROFILE

This course is intended for the vibration analyst who will:

- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience
- Have a senior role in the condition monitoring team, but you want to go beyond and truly reach the peak of the vibration world
- Be able to understand the measurements associated with critical turbomachinery and other fluid-film bearing machines
- Be able to do everything the Category III can do – only better!

## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM TAKING THIS COURSE?

There is a great deal to learn, but it will help you to perform your role with confidence. The topics covered in this course include:

- Advanced signal processing
- Cross channel measurements
- Dynamics (mass/stiffness/damping, natural frequencies, modes)
- Resonance testing (run-up/coast down tests, impact tests, ODS, modal analysis)
- Corrective action (flow control, resonance correction, isolation, and damping)
- Proximity probe and casing measurements
- Orbit and centerline plot analysis
- Rotor dynamics (natural frequencies, modeling)
- Journal bearings (design, fluid film instabilities)
- Flexible rotor balancing
- Torsional vibration

The key is that with the VCAT-IV course, you will transition from being a very good vibration analyst to a vibration super-hero!

## VCAT IV FAST FACTS

### Duration:

64 hours: Everything on video, then a 5-day course with exam

### Format:

Expert Vibration Analyst (VCAT-IV) is a two part course. Part one is a distance learning online course. Part two is a public classroom instructor-led course.

### Compliance:

- Training and certification: ISO 18436-2
- Certification: ISO 18436-1, ISO/IEC 17024
- Training: ISO 18436-3

### Exam:

- Five hours
- 60 multiple-choice questions, with calculations required
- 70% passing grade
- Can be taken online or in-person at the course

### Certification requirements:

- Training course completed
- 60-months of vibration analysis experience, verified by an independent person
- Have previously been certified to VCAT-III by a MIBoC approved certification body
- Pass the exam
- Valid for 5 years

### Pre-study:

You will have access to 64 hours of videos and materials

### Post-study:

- Continue to access the Learning Zone for 6-months after the course
- Continue learning, without charge, on MOBIUS CONNECT™ via [mobiusconnect.com](http://mobiusconnect.com)





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**TOPICS COVERED – JUNIOR ANALYST CATEGORY I**

- Maintenance practices
  - Reactive, preventive, condition-based, proactive
  - How to decide between them
- Condition monitoring
  - Why it works
  - Ultrasound, infrared, oil analysis, wear particle analysis, and electric motor testing
- Principles of vibration
  - Waveforms
  - Metrics: overall levels, RMS, Pk, Pk-to-Peak, and crest factor
- Introduction to vibration measurement
  - Vibration sensors: displacement, velocity, acceleration
  - Vibration units
  - Mounting: where and how
  - Naming conventions
  - Repeatability and quality
  - Vibration axes: V, H, A, R, and T
  - What are “routes” and how do you create them?
  - Detecting and avoiding poor data
- An introduction to the time waveform
- An introduction to the spectrum
  - An introduction to forcing frequencies
- A brief introduction to phase
- Signal processing (just the absolute basics)
  - A quick tour of your analyzer settings
  - Fmax
  - Resolution
  - Spectral averaging
- Vibration analysis
  - The spectrum analysis process
- What is resonance – a quick introduction
- Diagnosing common fault conditions
  - Unbalance
  - Misalignment
  - Rolling element bearing failure
  - Looseness
  - Resonance
- Setting alarm limits



**TOPICS COVERED – INTERMEDIATE ANALYST CATEGORY II**

- Review of maintenance practices
- Review of condition monitoring technologies
- Principles of vibration
  - Complete review of basics
  - Waveform, spectrum (FFT), phase and orbits
  - Understanding signals: modulation, beating, sum/difference
- Data acquisition
  - Transducer types: Non-contact displacement
- Proximity probes, velocity sensors, and accelerometers
  - Transducer selection
  - Transducer mounting and natural frequency
  - Measurement point selection
  - Following routes, and test planning
  - Common measurement errors
- Signal processing
  - Filters: Low pass, band pass, high pass, band stop
  - Sampling, aliasing, dynamic range
  - Resolution, Fmax, data collection time
  - Averaging: linear, overlap, peak hold, time synchronous
  - Windowing and leakage
- Vibration analysis
  - Spectrum analysis
  - Time waveform analysis (introduction)
  - Orbit analysis (introduction)
  - Phase analysis: bubble diagrams and ODS
  - Enveloping (demodulation), shock pulse, spike energy, PeakVue
- Fault analysis
  - Natural frequencies and resonances
  - Imbalance, eccentricity and bent shaft
  - Misalignment, cocked bearing and soft foot
  - Mechanical looseness
  - Rolling element bearing analysis
  - Analysis of induction motors
  - Analysis of gears
  - Analysis of belt-driven machines
  - Analysis of pumps, compressors, and fans
- Equipment testing and diagnostics
  - Impact testing and bump tests
  - Phase analysis
- Corrective action
  - General maintenance repair activities
  - Review of the balancing process
  - Review of shaft alignment procedures

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**TOPICS COVERED – INTERMEDIATE ANALYST CATEGORY II**

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- Running a successful condition monitoring program
  - Setting baselines
  - Setting alarms: band, envelope/mask, statistical
  - Setting goals and expectations (avoiding common problems)
  - Report generation
  - Reporting success stories
- Acceptance testing
- Review of ISO standards



TOPICS COVERED – SENIOR ANALYST CATEGORY III

- Signal processing
  - Filters: Low pass, band pass, high pass, band stop
  - Sampling, aliasing, dynamic range
  - Signal-to-noise ratio
  - Resolution, Fmax, data collection time
  - Averaging: linear, overlap, peak hold, time synchronous
  - Windowing and leakage
  - Order tracking
  - Cross-channel measurements
  - Correlation and coherence
- Time waveform analysis
  - Collecting data – ensuring you have the correct setup
  - When should you use time waveform analysis?
  - Diagnosing unbalance, misalignment, bent shaft, eccentricity, cocked bearing, resonance, looseness, and other conditions
- Phase analysis
  - Collecting data
  - Bubble diagrams
  - Diagnosing unbalance, misalignment, bent shaft, eccentricity, cocked bearing, resonance, looseness, and other conditions
- Dynamics (natural frequencies and resonance)
  - Natural frequencies and resonances
  - Mass, stiffness, and damping
  - SDOF and MDOF
- Testing for natural frequencies
  - Run-up coast down tests
  - Bode plots and Nyquist (polar) plots
  - Impact and bump tests
- Operating Deflection Shape (ODS) analysis
  - Can we prove the existence of a natural frequency?
  - Visualizing vibration
  - Setting up the job
  - Collecting phase readings correctly
  - Interpreting the deflection shape
  - Using Motion Amplification
- Modal analysis and intro to FEA
  - How does modal analysis differ from ODS?
  - How does Finite Element Analysis (FEA) differ from modal analysis
  - A quick review of the modal testing process
- Correcting resonances
  - The effect of mass and stiffness
  - Beware of nodal points
  - Adding damping
  - A 'trial and error' approach
  - A 'scientific' approach
  - Isolation
  - Tuned absorbers and tuned mass dampers

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**TOPICS COVERED – SENIOR ANALYST CATEGORY III**

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- Rolling element bearing fault detection
  - Why do bearings fail?
  - Cocked bearing, sliding on the shaft or inside the housing, looseness
  - EDM and DC motors and VFDs
  - Bearing frequencies and what to do when you don't have all the details
  - The four stages of bearing degradation
  - Ultrasound
  - High-frequency detection techniques
  - Shock Pulse, Spike Energy, Peak Vue, and other techniques
  - Demodulation/enveloping
  - Selecting the correct filter settings
  - Spectrum analysis
  - Time waveform analysis
  - Low-speed bearings
- Journal bearing fault detection
  - What are journal bearings?
  - Measuring displacement
  - Introduction to orbit plots
  - Using your analyzer to acquire orbit plots
  - Introduction to centerline diagrams
  - Eccentricity ratio
  - Glitch removal
  - How the orbit changes with pre-load, unbalance, misalignment, instabilities, oil whirl and whip
- Electric motor testing
  - How do motors work?
  - Diagnosing a range of fault conditions: eccentric rotor, eccentric stator, soft foot, phasing, broken rotor bars, rotor bar, and stator slot pass frequencies
  - Motor current analysis
- Pumps, fans, and compressors
  - Unique fault conditions
  - Flow turbulence, recirculation, cavitation
- Gearbox fault detection
  - Spectrum analysis versus time waveform analysis
  - Wear particle analysis
  - Gearmesh, gear assembly phase frequency (and common factors)
  - Tooth load, broken teeth, gear eccentricity and misalignment, backlash and more
- Corrective action
  - General maintenance repair activities
  - Review of the balancing process and ISO balance grades
  - Review of shaft alignment procedures
- Running a successful condition monitoring program
  - Defining the program
  - Setting baselines
  - Setting alarms: band, envelope/mask, statistical
  - Setting goals and expectations (avoiding common problems)
  - Report generation
  - Reporting success stories
- Acceptance testing
- Review of ISO standards





**TOPICS COVERED – EXPERT ANALYST CATEGORY IV**

- Principles of vibration
  - Vectors, modulation
  - Phase
  - Natural frequency, resonance, critical speeds
  - Force, response, damping, stiffness
  - Instabilities, non-linear systems
  - Torsional vibration
  - Instrumentation
  - Proximity probe operation, conventions, glitch removal
  - Shaft and casing measurements
- Signal processing
  - RMS / peak detection
  - Analog/digital conversion
  - Analog sampling, digital sampling
  - FFT computation
  - Filters: low pass, high pass, band pass, tracking
  - Anti-aliasing
  - Bandwidth, resolution
  - Noise reduction
  - Averaging: linear, synchronous time, exponential
  - Dynamic range
  - Signal-to-noise ratio
  - Spectral maps
- Fault analysis
  - Spectrum analysis, harmonics, sidebands
  - Time waveform analysis
  - Orbit analysis
  - Shaft centerline analysis
  - Transient analysis
  - Unbalance, bent shaft, cracked shaft, eccentricity, rubs, instabilities
- Fault analysis (continued)
  - Resonance and critical speeds
  - Turbomachinery
- Phase analysis
  - Transient analysis
  - Enveloping
  - Electric motor defects
  - Flow-induced vibration, aerodynamics, and liquids
  - General fault recognition
- Rotor/bearing dynamics
  - Rotor/bearing dynamics
  - Rotor characteristics
  - Rotor modeling (rotor, wheels, bearings, aerodynamic effects)
  - Bearing characteristics (fluid film bearings, housing, and supports, seals, couplings)
- Corrective action
  - Flow control
  - Isolation and damping
  - Resonance control
  - Low and high-speed shop balancing
  - Field balancing (single plane, two plane, static/couple, flexible rotor)

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**TOPICS COVERED – EXPERT ANALYST CATEGORY IV**

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- Equipment testing and diagnostics
  - Impact testing
  - Forced response testing
  - Transient analysis
  - Transfer functions
  - Damping evaluation
  - Cross channel phase, coherence
  - Operating deflection shapes
  - Modal analysis
  
- Fault severity determination
  - Spectrum analysis
  - Time waveform analysis, orbit analysis
  - Severity charts, graphs and formula
  
- Reference standards
  - ISO
  - IEC
  - Relevant national standards



➤ **WILL I RECEIVE PRE-COURSE STUDY MATERIALS?**

Every registered student will receive an instructional email to finalize their course registration. They will also receive a link to their personal Learning Zone account. The account provides a digital version of the coursebook and also a series of folders containing movies. These movies are actual course videos, recorded in a studio, and contain the same content taught in the Instructor-led course the student is registered in. The Learning Zone account may be used for pre-course study materials, review during the course week, reference after the course, or used to re-take the course and re-sit your certification exam. The account is activated at the time the student registers for the course and expires 6 months after the close date of the course they will be attending.

➤ **MAY I TAKE ONE OF YOUR COURSES IF I AM NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING CERTIFIED OR IF I HAVE INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE FOR CERTIFICATION?**

Yes, our courses are open to the public, regardless of experience. If you are involved in vibration analysis or rotating machinery in any capacity, such as sales, marketing, engineering, design, or reliability, you will come away with a far better understanding of how machines are monitored, how faults develop, and what can be done to determine what faults actually exist in a machine. All attendees receive certificates of completion. Candidates without sufficient experience will still receive a certificate if they pass the exam, but it will note that their experience was insufficient for ISO certification at the time.

➤ **AFTER I ATTEND YOUR COURSE AND TAKE THE EXAM, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AS TO WHETHER I PASSED, AND WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CERTIFICATE?**

You will receive notification of your results 5-10 days after the exam has been received at our Australian office. If you have passed the exam and met all certification requirements, you will receive your Digital Certificate 10-15 days after your exam results notification email.

➤ **HOW LONG IS THE CERTIFICATION VALID?**

Vibration analysis certification is valid for five (5) years.

➤ **HOW DO I RENEW MY CERTIFICATION?**

We will endeavor to contact you before your certification expires, therefore it is important that you keep your TMS records up to date (TMS is the training management system you will use to register for the course and for certification). If you change roles, it is essential that you update your records. We also invite you to set a reminder in your calendar for five years hence to contact us.





➤ **HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR RENEWAL?**

As per the standard, we do not require you to attend our conferences or take our courses, however, we hope you will take advantage of [www.mobiusconnect.com](http://www.mobiusconnect.com) and the sites linked to Mobius CONNECT so that your knowledge remains current. These sites are free of charge. When it is time to renew your certification, we will ask you to nominate an independent person who can verify that you are still active as a vibration analyst. There will be a small fee to renew your digital certificate and to renew your certification status with the accreditation body.

➤ **WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VCAT I?**

You must have six months of experience generally associated with maintenance, reliability, and vibration data collection. You will be asked to nominate an independent person who can verify that you have that experience.

➤ **WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VCAT II?**

You must have 18 months of experience in vibration data collection and analysis. You will be asked to nominate an independent person who can verify that you have that experience.

➤ **WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VCAT III?**

You must have 36 months of experience in vibration data collection and analysis. You will be asked to nominate an independent person who can verify that you have that experience. Certification to VCAT III also requires previous certification to VCAT II by a MIBoC approved certification body.

➤ **WHAT ARE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VCAT IV?**

You must have 60 months of experience in vibration data collection and analysis. You will be asked to nominate an independent person who can verify that you have that experience. Certification to VCAT IV also requires previous certification to VCAT III by a MIBoC approved certification body.

